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For: GENE CODING FOR ACETOLACTATE  
SYNTHASE

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**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY IN RESPONSE TO**

**NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-Final Office Action dated March 9, 2007, and further to the Amendment filed on August 9, 2007, Applicants submit the following

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 2 of this paper.